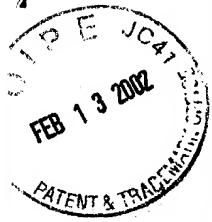


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**AMENDMENT A**

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed December 17, 2001, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I comprising device claims 1-12.

A Divisional Application for the non-elected method claims is being prepared and will be filed under separate letter.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our deposit account number 08-1391.

Respectfully submitted,

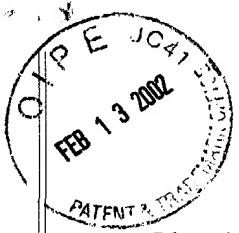
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